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Application No. 09/868,669

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-implemented method for creating a presentation, comprising:
 - (a) presenting information indicative of a goal in a spreadsheet format, the goal being associated with a training objective of a student, the training objective corresponding to mirroring an actual work environment of the student;
 - (b) analyzing the spreadsheet format and translating the information into a presentation model;
 - (c) integrating information that motivates accomplishment of the goal into the presentation model;
 - (d) managing information flow utilizing a table of components, each component encapsulating a behavior characteristic and data to support an associated set of services through a published interface; and
 - (e) evaluating progress toward the goal and providing feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the goal.
2. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including the step of instantiating a component from the table of components to measure progress toward the goal based on the presentation model.
3. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 2, including instantiating a component from the table of components to interrupt and interview a student to obtain information to measure progress toward the goal and determine appropriate feedback based on the presentation model.
4. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of components to analyze progress and determine appropriate feedback based on the presentation model.
5. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of

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components to evaluate options and present appropriate feedback to assist a student to achieve the goal based on the presentation model.

6. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of components to simulate a business application based on the presentation model.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of components to interact with a quantitative analysis model to perform what-if analysis based on the presentation model.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of components to interact with a student utilizing rule-based logic based on the presentation model.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The computer-implemented method for creating a presentation as recited in claim 1, including instantiating a component from the table of components to present a time based simulation based on the presentation mode and receiving a selected action, from the student, for each time period of the time based simulation.

10. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus that creates a presentation, comprising:

- (a) a processor;
- (b) memory that stores information under the control of the processor;
- (c) logic that presents information indicative of a goal in a spreadsheet format, the goal being associated with a training objective of a student, the training objective corresponding to mirroring an actual work environment of the student;
- (d) logic that analyzes the spreadsheet format and translates the information into a presentation model;
- (e) logic that integrates information that motivates accomplishment of the goal into the presentation model;
- (f) logic that manages information flow utilizing a table of components, each component encapsulating a behavior characteristic and data to support an associated set of services through a published interface; and

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(g) logic that evaluates progress toward the goal and provides feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the goal.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to measure progress toward the goal based on the presentation model.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to interrupt and interview a student to obtain information to measure progress toward the goal and determine appropriate feedback based on the presentation model.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to analyze progress and determine appropriate feedback based on the presentation model.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to evaluate options and present appropriate feedback to assist a student to achieve the goal based on the presentation model.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to simulate a business application based on the presentation model.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to interact with a quantitative analysis model to perform what-if analysis based on the presentation model.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as recited in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to present a time based simulation based on the presentation model and logic that receives, from the student, a selected action for each time period of the time based simulation.

18. **Cancelled**

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19. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus that creates a presentation as rec ted in claim 10, including logic that instantiates a component from the table of components to interact with a student utilizing rule-based logic based on the presentation model.

20. **Cancelled**

21. **(New)** A computer-readable medium for creating a presentation and having computer-executable instructions to perform steps comprising:

(a) presenting information indicative of a goal in a spreadsheet format, the goal being associated with a training objective of a student, the training objective corresponding to mirroring an actual work environment of the student;

(b) analyzing the spreadsheet format and translating the information into a presentation model;

(c) integrating information that motivates accomplishment of the goal into the presentation model;

(d) managing information flow utilizing a table of components, each component encapsulating a behavior characteristic and data to support an associated set of services through a published interface; and

(e) evaluating progress toward the goal and providing feedback that further motivates accomplishment of the goal.